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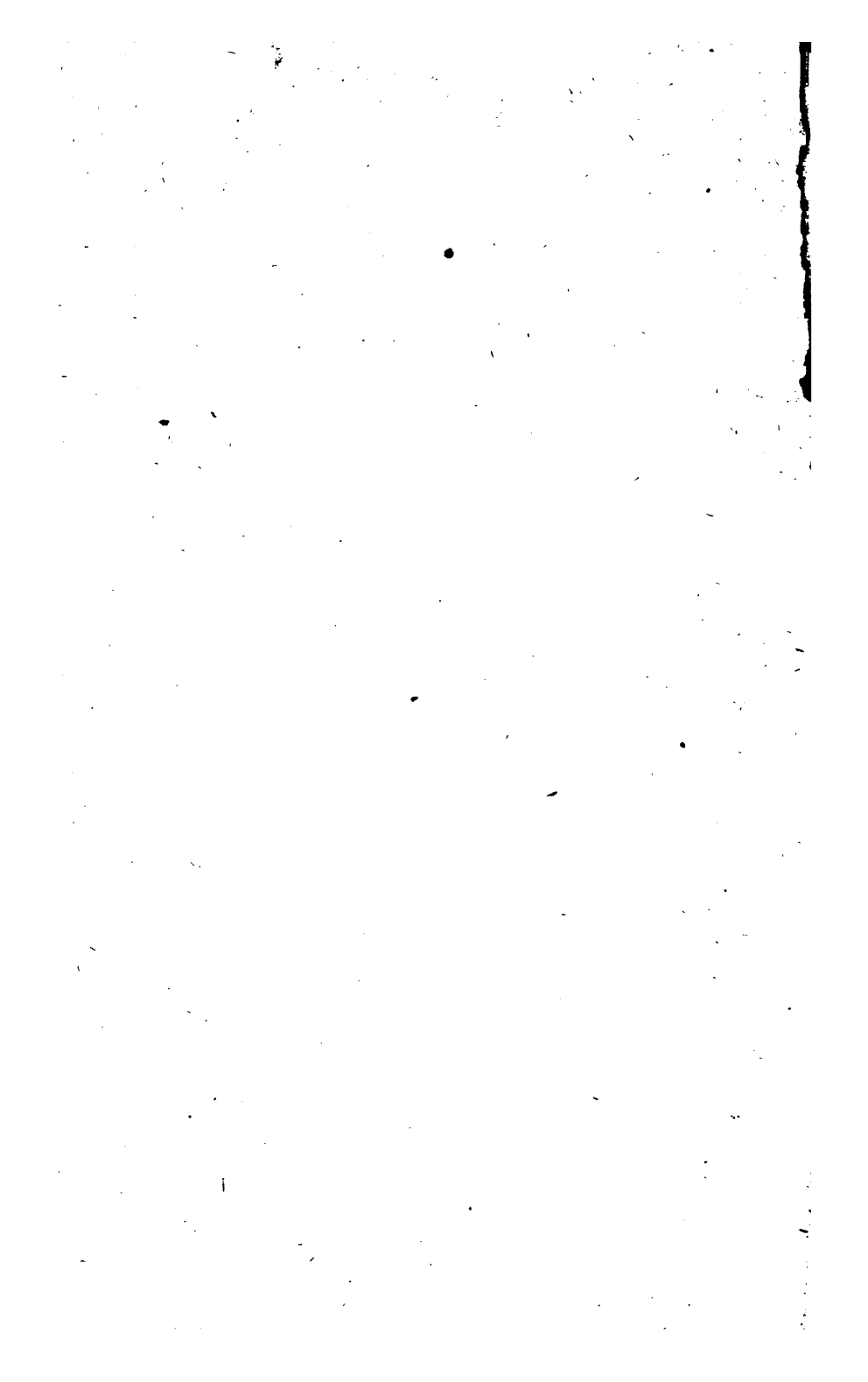
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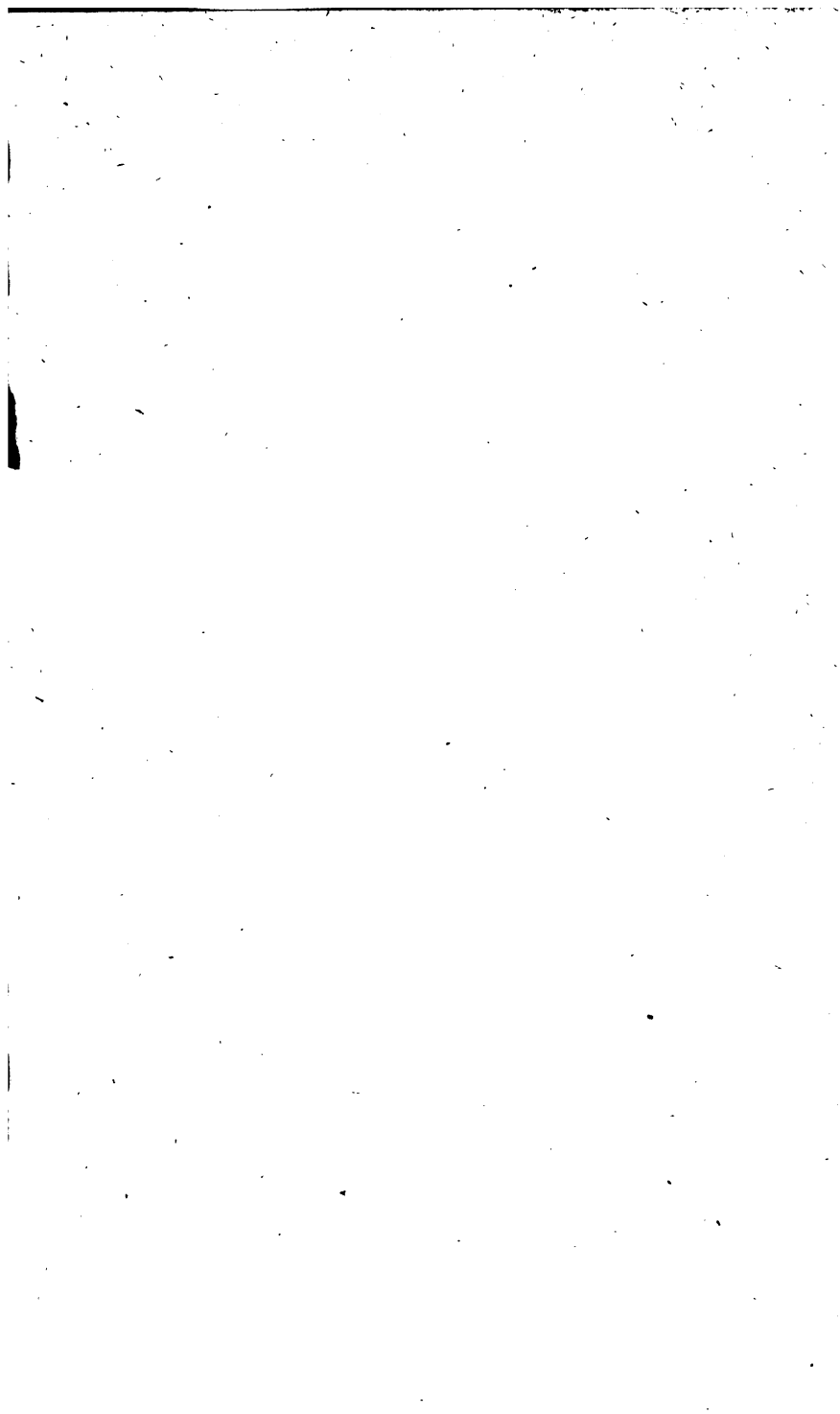
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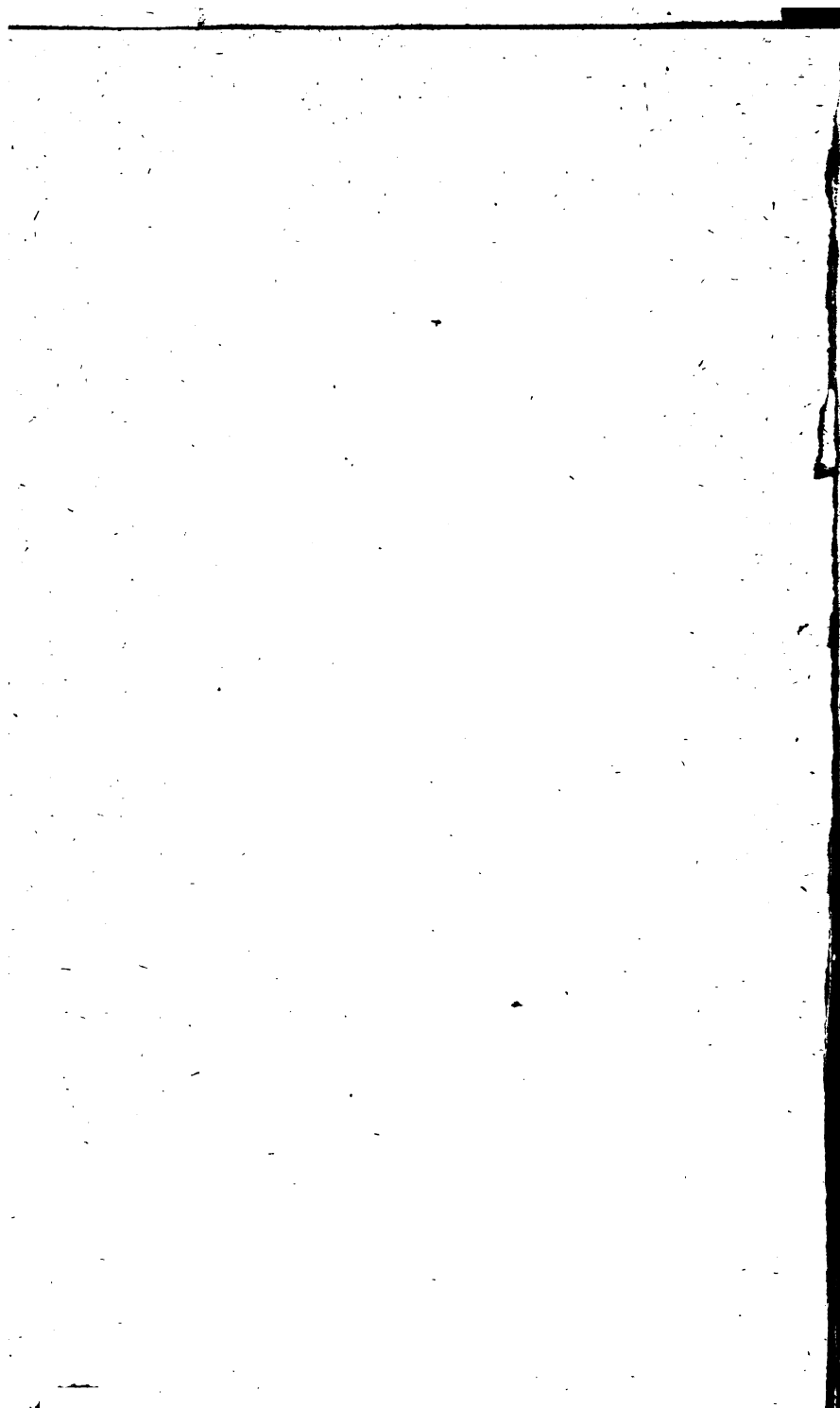
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OPPOSITION MORNINGS:

WITH

BETTY'S REMARKS.

Richard Tickell

And therefore met in consultation,
To cant and quack upon the nation;
Not for the sickly patient's sake,
Nor what to give, but what to *take*.

HUDIBRAS.



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Short Word or two from BETTY.

IT is now Thirteen Years that I have waited for a total change of Ministry, and the performance of those promises which have been made to me of succeeding to the Housekeeper's Place at the Treasury; and I own, I should willingly have rested satisfied for a little time longer (as many of my friends must do), with the light food of Expectation, if I had not been very lately *convinced*, that I should never experience any solid fruits of it.

When a woman receives an injury, she has but two weapons to resent it; and these, I profess, it is my intention to make use of, as far as I am able, upon the principle of retaliation.—If I am accused of a breach of confidence in respect to the publication of the following Collection of Council Minutes, which were intrusted to my care
and

and secrecy, I shall desire to plead, in my defence, a breach of a solemn engagement which set me the example; and that from that time I conceived myself to be a—*Free Woman*.

Perhaps it may be urged, that the pension proposed to be given to me was meant in lieu of the place; but, as the Irish arrears are pretty generally known, and that accumulated deficiencies seldom advance the payment of money, I could not for a moment suppose that a paltry 50l. a year was intended any otherwise than as a mere compliment of good humour and disposition towards me: I trust I shall therefore stand excused to my friends for introducing a few Morning Scenes to their observation, and at the same time that I shall be forgiven for adding some general remarks, which have occurred to me in the course of them.

It may be a matter of surprize to the world that I should set my name to a publication of a political nature; but the precepts I have received from my friend Mrs. Mac--lay (now the amiable Mrs. Gr-h-m) taught

taught me never to be ashamed of truth from the fear of censure.

To use the words of a very great man (the Earl of Chatham), I no longer hesitate to renounce principles incompatible with freedom, dangerous in their tendency, and subversive of the constitution.

Henceforward I bid adieu to the pine, the orange, and the Opposition, and commence purveyor of politics for the future.

ELIZABETH O'NEIL.

St. James's Street,
May 21, 1779.



M I N U T E S.

Nov. 6, 1778. PRESENT, in the
Back Room at BETTY'S,

Select Meeting. { Duke of R——d,
 { Lord R——m,
 { Lord J. C——sh,
 { Mr. F——x,
 { General C——y,
 { Mr. John L——e,
 { Mr. T—— T——d.

Secretaries, Mr. B——ke and Mr. B——g
upon stools at the bottom of the table.
——Dr. Br——by at the door.

Resolved unanimously,

THAT it is essentially necessary to
open the political campaign upon as
broad a bottom as possible.

THAT it is expedient to negotiate with
those parties who may be considered, in
some degree, as detached from the pha-
lanx, and who may probably be advan-
cing towards the enemy.

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THAT

THAT Mr. L-e is authorised to sound and treat with Mr. D——g in respect to the views of the Shelburne party.

THAT it be recommended to Mr. L-e to hold his political conversations always before dinner.

THAT as Lord Thurlow has had the seals given to him, the Duke of R——d is authorised to send Dr. Br-ckl-sby to Dr. Addington, that he may sound the Doctor how far he supposes the maxims and opinions of the late Lord Chatham are adhered to by Lord Camden, in order that some judgment may be formed of the line he means to take upon the subject of America.

Upon a motion made by the Duke of R——d, Mr. B—ke is authorised to assure Betty of a pension of 50 *l.* a year upon the Irish establishment, on a change of administration; and that, in the mean time, every encouragement be given to her in the *way of her business*, with an allowance of 10 *s.* 6 *d.* *per week* for the use of her back-room.

Adjourned.

There

There would have been no occasion to have sent Dr. Br-ckl-sby to Dr. Add-ngt-n to talk upon the subject of America, if some men, in the warmth of their eulogiums upon a resistance to the sovereignty of Great Britain, had conceived for a moment, that they might be sacrificing at the shrine of American apostacy. But the spirit of enthusiasm, which never breathes but to contaminate, was wafted across the Atlantic, and triumphs in the ruin it has occasioned.

PRESENT, Nov. 10, 1778.

Committee of
Select. { Duke of R——d,
Lord R——m,
Mr. T. T——d,
Mr. F—x,
Mr. J. L—e.
Mr. B——ke, } Stools.
Mr. B——g, }

Mr. L—E reports, that he has opened to Mr. D——g the sincere desire of the R——m party to acquire the assistance of the S——ne's, and to act together; but that Lord S——ne cannot think of entering into any engagement with those who compose it, until he is informed of the principles and plans of their intended operations.

Resolved,

THAT Mr. B——ke and Mr. F—x be requested to draw up what they conceive sufficient information upon these heads, in order that it be transmitted to Lord S——ne without loss of time.

THE DUKE OF R——D reports, that Dr. Br-ckl-sby had attended Dr. Add-ng-t-n; but that his mind was so agitated,
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and his time so entirely employed in explanations and disavowals with Sir James Wr-ght, upon the subject of messages between Lord Bute and the late Lord Chatham, he could not undertake any message to, or to have any communication with, Lord Camden (illness excepted), until he had perfectly cleared up his own character to the world; and Dr. Br-ckl-sby much doubts, from the tenor of their conversation, whether Dr. Add-ngt-n will be ever prevailed upon to interfere in politics for the future.

Adjourned.

Notwithstanding political is a key to general knowledge, the prejudice, resentment, envy, and jealousy, which generally result from the one, counteract the operations of that system of love and benevolence which we are taught to follow by the other. Hence arises all the animosity which has kept perseverance so long alive in the breasts of men, who would otherwise have shone with peculiar lustre in the high road eloquence of turnpike-meetings, or in the sober path of country magistracy.

PRESENT, Nov. 15, 1778.

Select Meeting. { The D—c of R——d,
Lord R——m,
General C——y,
Mr. F—x,
Mr. John L—e,
Mr. T——s T——d.
Mr. B—ke } Stools.
Mr. B——g }

Mr. B——KE produces a plan of operations, in order (if approved) to be communicated to Lord S——ne.

Plan read.

Heads of it.

To support the idea of the necessity of granting Independence to America.

To defend Keppel by arraigning the conduct of the Admiralty.

To impute the Failure on the 27th July to the Want of Subordination in the Fleet, and that Success cannot be expected where there is Want of Confidence.

To prove the general Ruin by the Continuation of the War.

To draw the Line between a Natural Enemy and Subjects in Rebellion, though they are united together.

To

To impress strongly the inevitable consequences arising from a prosecution of the same fatal Plans of Conduct, viz.

- Loss of the Continent of America.
- West India Islands.
- East India Possessions.
- African Settlements,
- Gibraltar and Minorca.
- Mediterranean Trade.
- Fleet and Army in America.
- Expenditure of Forty Millions.
- General Despondency.
- National Bankruptcy.
- Rebellion at Home.

General Attacks.

Byron's late Departure.

- No Fleet sent to block up D'Estaing in the Mediterranean.
- National Honour lost in soliciting Mediation of Spain.
- No timely Reinforcements sent to Lord Howe.
- No Admirals nor Generals will serve.
- American Commissioners Proclamation.
- Spain equipping.
- Flat-bottomed Boats preparing.
- Inequality of the Fleet.
- Total Want of Credit.

Disreputation

- Disreputation of Ministry.
- Impossibility to continue the War.
- Flag Remonstrance.
- Round Robin.

Personal Attacks.

LORD SANDWICH.

Parliament deceived in the state of Ships
last year.

- Deserved to lose his head if inferior to France and Spain united.
- Keppel at first inferior to the French.
- Want of Rigging for Byron's Squadron.
- Sent to Keppel's fleet for it.
- No Small Beer for Byron.
- Naval Shows, but no Ships to use.
- Gambier.
- Greenwich Hospital.
- Short Shirts—Sour Beer.
- Huntingdonshire Freeholders obtain rewards of naval servitude.
- Yards—Jobs——
- Removal from Presence and Councils for ever.

LORD

LORD NORTH.

Shameful and extravagant Expenditure
of Public Money.

- Rum—Bribery—Corruption.
- Army might have been starved in
America.
- Somnolency.
- Contracts.
- Bad Bread for Camps.
- Scandalous Waste of Sour Krout.
- Failure of Taxes.
- Increase of Expences.
- Incapacity.
- Ought to go out.
- Country calls for it.
- No body will lend any Money.
- Change necessary.
- Eat his Words.
- Disreputation.
- Bad Measures.
- Ill Success—the natural Confe-
quence.
- Love of Office.
- Ruin of his Country.

LORD GEORGE GERMAINE.

- Minden. .
- Inauspicious Character.
- America at his Feet.

- Saratoga Convention.
- Sacrifice of Burgoyne.
- Quarrels with Generals.
- Characters blasted—
- Ruined---Undone—
- Whispering Gallery,
- Private Powers to American Commissioners.
- Affection for Johnstone.
- Chief Mover in the American War.
- Author of Calamities.
- Lose his head.

LORD CHANCELLOR.

- Woolfack.
- Ignorance of the Rules of the House.
- Dangerous Principles.
- Respect to noble Families.
- Speedy Rise to Greatness.
- Confinement to Forms.

Resolved,

THAT Mr. B—ke be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing plan, in a large round hand, to Mr. L-e, that he may attend Mr. D—g with it at his chambers to-morrow evening at Seven; Mr. L-e having informed the Select that Mr. D—g is engaged to Lady Milford's ball at Nine at Night.

THAT

THAT a subscription present of fifty guineas be given to Mr. Almon on the head of general Services; and that he be assured of the place of Patent Stationer to both Houses of Parliament, upon condition that he continues to introduce the several Speeches of Opposition, with his amendments, in the Political Register, and to misrepresent and curtail those of Administration.

Adjourned.

The Rebellion in America has certainly had an effect upon my fair countrywomen.—I impute the increase of inconstancy to it.—Having been the first, they are determined not to be the last to rebel.—The Ladies have for some time past held a Congress here.—They have their General Washington in His Grace of Dorset, their Arnold in one Fawkener, their Lee in good Colonel Cosmo, —their Lord Stirling in His Grace of Queensberry, their President Hancock in the Prince—their Horatio Gates in every woman's Horatio—their Ambassadors Franklin, Lee, and Adams, in the persons of Stepney, Carlisle, and Norton; nor is there wanting the respective Aids du Camps in Byron,

Gardiner, and Fitzpatrick. The Ladies will enter into no treaty without a Declaration of Independence, and would rather accept Foreign Alliances upon that ground, than acknowledge the Supremacy of Great Britain. Having long imbibed the Constitutional Principle that Representation and Taxation should go together, they declare they will not bear any *burthens* but those imposed upon them by Representatives of their own Election. The well-disposed Aimables are obliged to submit to the Rules which this Congressional Ton have founded, and continue to support; and like many a worthy in America, whilst he submits and places his confidence in the trust that tyranny in its nature can be but of short duration, the innocent maiden here, fearful of defamation, courts its kindness to avoid its venom.

PRESENT, Nov. 17th, 1778.

Select Meeting enlarged.	{	D. of R——d.
		Lord R——m.
		Lord J. C——th.
		General C——y.
		Mr. F. x.
		Mr. T. T——d.
		Mr. J. L-e.
		Lord S——ne.
		Col. B——e.
{	Mr. D——g.	
		Mr. B——e, }
		Mr. B——g, }

Stools.

READ the minutes of the previous meetings.

READ the general plan of operations.

LORD S———NE objects, 1st,

To declarations of the impossibility of contending with any part of the world, or with all of it.

2dly, To the Independence of America.

3dly, To the withdrawing the army from that country.

4thly, To the idea of want of men——
Streets full of them.

5thly, To the idea of want of money——
Squares, buildings, fine houses, gaming.

Mr.

Mr. D——G agrees with his noble friend in the sentiments he has expressed, and requests that the article in the last minutes, which introduces his passion for dancing, may be omitted.

Mr. T. T———P moves, That, whatever may be the difference of opinion in Opposition upon any unforeseen proposition or matter which may arise in the course of the present Session, it be recommended not to exhibit any conduct which tends to convey such difference of opinion or sentiment.

Mr. F-X proposes an amendment, by adding the words "except in Cases of Impracticability." He begs to differ with Lord S——— in his ideas of the power and the resources of this country, which (as the Spirit of the Nation is against a defensive war, and must always, from its situation, make choice of an offensive one) Mr. E-x thinks are not equal to a contention with France and America united: and he, therefore, cannot but adhere to his opinion of withdrawing the troops from North America as soon as possible.

Mr.

Mr. D——G suggests hints to be popular, viz.

The Duke of Richmond to undertake—	Vigour and Violence.
General Conway	Design and Decision.
Mr. Burke	Beauty and Brevity.
Lord Shelburne (with the Assistance of } Dr. Price)	Men and Money.
Col. Barré	Storms and Stories.
Lord Rockingham	Expence and Entertainment.
Mr. T. Townsend	Learning and Lamentation.
Mr. J. Lee	Modesty and Manners.
Mr. Dunning	The Loves and the Laws.
Mr. Fox	The Mobbs and the Muses.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Is it possible to conceive that this country will ever have naval force sufficient to extend itself the whole of the American continent, so as to prevent her from receiving great supplies of ships, men, and materials, from France? Will not their ports (if we quit that country) be soon crouded with the fleets of France, nay with the fleets of America? Will it be possible for us to defend our West India possessions, and leave the whole continent of North America open to the genius of her own mechanics, her industry, and the assistance of her allies? If we are to resist, or to resent the insults of France by attacking their islands or by defending our own,

we cannot have any places or harbours comparable in points of safety, climate, and convenience, to New-York and Rhode Island, for the purposes of offensive or defensive expeditions to the West Indies; whilst we are, at the same time, in possession of situations which must constantly check the growing power and ambition of North America. The truth is, that, at the commencement of the last war we had so much to attain in order to depress and weaken our enemies, and to strengthen ourselves by enlarging our commerce, an offensive war was absolutely necessary; but we extended the number and size of our acquisitions so greatly, that it has been a matter of doubt whether their expence has been repaid by the advantages derived from them.

PRESENT, Nov. 19, 1778.

Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Lord R———m.
		D. of R———d.
		Lord S———ne.
		Lord J. C———th.
		Mr. F-x.
		Mr. T. T———d.
		General C———y.
		Mr. D———g.
		Colonel B———é.
		Mr. J. L-e.

Mr. B———ke	} Stools.
Mr. B———g	

READ a Letter, dated the 1st Inst. from
Mr. T——le L——ell (with Sixteen
Sheets of Information respecting the
Navy) stating his Consequence, Circum-
stances, and Services, requesting Sup-
port of his intended Motions upon *his*
State of the Fleet, and desiring to be of
the Select Meeting.

Let Mr. B———ke assure Mr. L——ll of
our cordial Assistance, and that we
will consider of his Application to be
of the Select.

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READ

READ a Letter of the 2d Inst. from Sir W. M——th, renewing his desire to be consulted.

Let Mr. B——e, as an old Friend to Sir William, communicate with him upon general Matters of political Discussion, and express the Satisfaction which we feel at his Steadiness and Perseverance—in the History it is understood he is writing of the Disputes between Great Britain and North America.

READ a Letter from Mr. W——s, praying a Quarterage in Advance, and the final Settlement of his incidental Allowances.

Agreed to—and ordered, provided he continues to make Speeches in Guildhall, the Common Council, the Court of Aldermen, and the House of Commons, and that he publishes the same in the daily Papers accordingly.

READ a Letter from Dr. B——by, dated the 12th Inst. inclosing his Thoughts upon the Chinese Government, the Gentoo Laws, and despotick Tyranny; and recommending Firmness in Cases of Weakness, and Unanimity to Opposition.

READ a Letter of 10th Inst. from Sir Ph. J. C—ke, with a Copy of the Bill to incapacitate Contractors from fitting in Parliament.

Let the usual Thanks be sent to Sir Philip, and the old Assurances repeated : but, at the same Time, let it be suggested to him that it is necessary to observe great Caution in his Solicitations of Interest at the Treasury, as his Attempt to obtain for his Friend the Preference in a Militia Camp Contract after it had been advertised, has given Rise to much Observation.

READ a Letter from J—— H——ne,
Esq; late Parson H——ne, recapitulating
his Services, and requesting Relief.

Acquaint Mr. H——ne, that in case of
a total Change of Adminiftration, he
fhall be a Mafter in Chancery.

Resolved,

THAT a periodical Paper be written, and circulated through the Cities of London and Westminster, and the several Counties, dedicated to the Freeholders of England; and that the said Paper contain Matters of the most inflammatory Nature against the present Ministry, and the

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strongest

Strongest Assertions of the Ruin that will attend us by a Prosecution of the War with America.

THAT the said Paper be entitled the Englishman; and that Mr. B——ke and Mr. H——y be directed to prepare, or have it prepared, and circulated accordingly, though they are not obliged to convey it to Hull and Bristol.

Adjourned.

I am perfectly convinced, that as distress is the touchstone of virtue, so are steadiness and perseverance essential ingredients to extricate us out of embarrassing situations; therefore, if all the people belonging to the hot-houses and hot-beds, the forcing-walls and glass-frames of Chelsea, Battersea, and Brentford, had rebelled against me, I would never have confessed that I could not exist without them, as a reason to excite them to make peace with me; nor would I have ever proclaimed to my enemies that I was ruined, in order to terrify them into more reasonable terms of accommodation.

P R E S E N T, *Nov. 23, 1778.*

Committee of Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Lord R——m.	
		D. of R——d.	
		Mr. T. T——d.	
		Mr. J. L——e.	
		Col. B——é.	
		Mr. B——ke	} Stools.
	Mr. B——g		

My Lords and Gentlemen resume the consideration of that part of the first Minute respecting the breadth of the bottom of the Campaign.

Direct a letter to be written to Mr. H——y, requesting he would quit, for a short time, Vulcan and the Cyclops, and return to the habitation of Mercury ; as the firmness, ability, and vigour of every Member are particularly desirable in the present conjuncture.

Let letters be sent to Mr. H——y, Sir George Y——nge, Sir Alexander L——th, Sir E. Aft——y, Mr. C. T——rn-r, and to those who generally take an active part in debate, requesting the exertion of their great Parliamentary Talents
at

at the opening and during the whole of the Session.

Let very polite messages be sent to enquire after the Earl of B——l's health, and order civility to be shewn to the Honourable Lieut. B-rkl-y.

Mr. D——g is desired to urge Mr. Serjeant A——r to give his support, but to shorten his speeches.

Mr. T. T——d, it is hoped, will exercise the same good offices with Sir J——h M——bey, with a request that he would not speak at all.

Adjourned.

Whether the circulations from the press, a scarcity of great and able men in the nation, or the spirit of the times, have given a political existence to those seeds which were never sown for such a purpose, I will not venture to determine ; but certain it is, that as the number of Politicians has increased, the number of Patriots has diminished. I am well warranted in this conclusion, by the conduct which has been pursued

pursued at a time when the state of this
 country was such as should have excited
 every one, who had a true love and value
 for it, to have banished the spirit of Dis-
 cord by the hand of Unanimity. But,
 alas! we practise the reverse of those ex-
 amples set us in the ancient times of real
 Virtue and of true Patriotism. When the
 enemy is at our gates, we do not unite to
 drive him away, but stop to enquire how
 he came there.

P R E S E N T, Nov. 27, 1778.

Select Meeting.	{	Duke of R———d.	}	
		Lord S——ne.		
		Lord R——m.		
		Lord J. C——th.		
		Mr. F——.		
		Mr. T. T——d.		
		Col. B——e.		
		Gen. C——y.		
		Mr. D——g.		
		Mr. J. L-e.		
		Mr. B——ke	} Stools.	
	Mr. B——g			

Resolved,

THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that 109 is a very respectable minority, at the opening of so early a session, and upon the business of the address.

Mr. B——KE produces a letter from his friend General B——e, desiring to throw himself and his cause into the arms of Opposition, and requiring assistance and support.

Upon a full and mature consideration of the discretionary power which Mr. D——g states that all officers must have
in

in the execution of commands, and as the return of Admiral Keppel for a reinforcement, as well as the not hazarding a second attack upon the French fleet on the 27th of July, were very strong instances of discretion ;

Resolved,

THAT it is a very delicate point, and certainly premature, to determine upon the spirit and letter of General B——e's instructions. It is, however, the part of humanity to commiserate misfortunes, and therefore Mr. B——ke is authorised to assure the General of our assistance upon every proper occasion.

LET thanks be given to Mr. H-rtl-y, for the book he lately published, dedicated to his constituents at Hull, notwithstanding they have disavowed the opinions and sentiments contained in it.

Mr. J. L—E informs the Committee, that he proposes to attend Keppel, as one of his Council, and suggests the use it would be to the Admiral if some of his friends would give their countenance and advice to him during his trial at Portsmouth.

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Agreed

Agreed to a proposition of so popular a nature, which cannot have any other than the best political consequences.

LET Dr. Br-ckl-sby be directed to attend the Lady Dowager Alb—rle during the whole of the trial; and that he report to her, regularly, how matters stand in the progress of it.

Adjourned till the said trial is finished.

The present Administration has been much to blame in the choice of those employed to execute the business of the war with France and America. They selected, from among the Opposition, men for their Generals and Admirals, who were reputed, and have since proved, to be attached to that party and hostile to the other. The Ministers fed the vanity of those they employed; but were deceived by the confidence which they placed in a laudable ambition, and an affection for the country. The party to whom the officer is attached, partakes of the credit of his success; but if he fails, a happy complaint arises of jealousy, neglect, and inattention, nay, of a desire to sacrifice him; as if the credit
and

and satisfaction which Ministers derive from the success of their measures, were not as pleasant as the gratification of employing a man merely for the purpose of ruining him.—One instance indeed has happened, which may afford comfort to the General who may hereafter be unfortunate enough to undertake a command, *with the principles* of those from whom he receives it.—He will be vilified with every species of invective and reproach during the progress of his success, but, if he is defeated in the end—a Convention will reconcile pomp and cruelty to us,—Proclamations will lose the dignity that debased them, and the tomahawk and the scalping knife will be allowed to rust in the graves of pity and compassion.

PRESENT, Feb. 9, 1779.

Committee of Select Meeting.	{	Mr. T. T-----d.
		Mr. C F-x.
		Mr. J. L-e.
		Mr. D-----g.
		Col. B-é.
		Mr. B-ke, }
		Mr. B-g, }

Stools.

Dr. Br-ckl-sby at the door.

After mutual congratulations upon the acquittal of Admiral Keppel,

Resolved,

THAT every possible exertion be made towards effecting a general illumination.

— That it be continued for three nights successively.

— That Dr. Pr-ce be directed immediately to calculate the number of glaziers, tallow-chandlers, and flambeaux-makers now resident within the cities of London and Westminster, in order to see whether they will be of themselves sufficient to form a mob for the purposes of the said illumination.

— That the thanks of both houses of parliament be procured for Admiral K-----l. And,

That

—— That Mr. B—ke be ordered to prepare his answers to them.

—— Let a motion be made for the immediate removal of P——r from all his employments and rank in the navy, notwithstanding it is before his trial.

Resolved,

THAT two motions *per week* be made respecting the inequality of the navy to the exigencies of various services, and to what we had a right to expect from our declarations, and from the waste of time, and the expenditure of oratory.

Adjourned till to-morrow, in order to receive Dr. Pr-ce's report.

I cannot help observing, upon the very unkind manner in which my friend T——c L——ll was treated, by inattention to him at this time; for he went so far as to assure me, in my *fore room*, during a sitting of the Select, that the only plan to raise a general convulsion in the fleet and in the nation (as it could not be brought about by sea-measures), would have been, by a land-cruise, or, in other words, a land-regatta, which might easily have been regulated and conducted. The idea was, that Keppel should have set off from Portsmouth in his

barge upon four wheels, dragged by the crew of the Victory, and attended by his Court-martial, with Admiral Montagu at the helm, in another barge, with the respective Admirals and Captains of the Round Robin and Representation likewise, in their barges, with all their friends and the opposition from both houses of parliament, with colours flying, drums beating, banners waving, trumpets playing, and decorated with every emblem of conquest and honour. This expedition should have been made along the coast of England to all the sea-ports; and after having made a circuit round the island, the principal manufacturing towns should have been visited, and then a return to London, where every preparation should have been made for their reception.—The consequences of these proceedings would have marked the spirit of them.—Trade and industry would have stood still—The people intoxicated—The fleet of England would have been unmaned, and D'Orvilliers would have been in the Thames.

P R E S E N T, 10th *Feb.* 1779.

Committee of Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Mr. T. T——d,	{	Stools.
		Mr. F—x,		
		Mr. D——g,		
		Mr. J. L—e,		
	Col. B—é.			
		Mr. B—ke,		
		Mr. B—g,		

READ Dr. Pr—ce's Report upon the matter referred to him yesterday, in which he assures the Committee, that though he has taken great pains, as well to ascertain the number, as to engage the services of the respective bodies of gentlemen, who are essentially concerned in an illumination, he does not think them equal to complete the *purposes* of it, without the assistance of leaders, and some indemnification for the consequences.

LET letters be immediately dispersed to all our friends, to direct their valets de chambres, cooks, coachmen, footmen, and postilions, and the waiters at the several taverns of St. James's-street and Pall-mall to act as auxiliaries upon so enlightened an occasion.

Mr.

Mr. B—ke and Col. B—é request to be excused attending, or assisting by personal support, so glorious a display of the freedom of the people, as it is not in their power, from the shortness of their sight, *to see their way*, otherwise than *feelingly*, upon such an occasion ; and Mr. D——g begs to observe, that his huskiness would prevent any directions he might be inclined to give the mob from being heard or understood. *Adjourned.*

Mr. F-x, whom I have been intimately acquainted with for several years, and drank many a social bottle with him, might have known that it is a very easy matter to get tipsy, but very unpleasant to get sober again.

Mobs in every country, but particularly in a free one, are dangerous, because they are always licentious; and it is a certain fact, that the passions which dictate the operations of a mob are almost always contrary to the spirit and general sense of the nation. If there ever was an instance of a mob that in some measure squared with the opinion of *nearly* the majority of the people, it was in the case of the Middlesex Election, and then Mr. F-x was *against* the mob, and *with* the Ministry.

PRESENT, 11th Feb. 1779.

Committee of Select Meeting charged.	{	Duke of R——d.
		Mr. F-x.
		Mr. T. T——d.
		Col. B—é.
		Mr. J. L—e.
		Mr. B—ke, } Stools.
		Mr. B—g,

Resolved,

THAT thanks be given to the several noblemen and gentlemen who so gallantly and ably attacked the houses of Sir Hugh Palliser, Lords North and George Germaine.

THAT Dr. Br-ckl-sby be directed immediately to attend the several gentlemen of the mob, who were wounded in the affray of last night, and who are now in custody.

LET thanks be sent to the Earl of B——l and Sir W——n W——ms W—n, for their very magnificent display last night; and let the wishes of the Committee be conveyed to the Earl and Sir W——n, that they would exhibit a duplicate of the said display for the two following evenings.

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HIS G——E of R——D laments the disappointment he has suffered in the Greenwich Hospital inquiry, but professes a determination *now* to persevere in it, ~~from~~ motives of a public nature, and to move two questions *per week* in the H——e of L——s relative to the Navy, in case Lord B——l should continue indisposed.

Adjourned.

My friend J——n W——s complained to me very seriously of the advances which were made by Mr. K——l's friends towards the affections of the Riot Family upon this occasion; but as they engaged in a compromise with Justice not to interfere in the cause of individuals for the future, J. W. trusts (he tells me) that illuminations will henceforward be confined to matters which respect the liberties of the people, and the public welfare.

PRESENT, *Feb. 20, 1779.*

Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Duke of R——d,
		Lord R——m,
		Lord S——ne,
		Lord J. C——sh,
		Mr. F-x,
		General C——y,
		Mr. D——g,
		Col. B——e,
		Mr. J. L-e,
		Mr. T. T——d.

Mr. F—X states the necessity, at this time, of calling for the accounts of private intelligence received by the Admiralty, and by Ministers, relative to the equipment of D'Orvilliers' Fleet, as well from the desire that country gentlemen always have for papers, as from the certainty of their being refused.

Agreed to.

COL. B——E proposes that Mr. K——l should be examined in his place, in the House of Commons, as to the state of the English and French fleets in the course of the last Summer, in order that some ground may be taken for a motion of censure upon the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Mr. D——G approves the idea ; because any question which respects Admiral Keppel personally will be, in the present flood of his popularity, a very strong one against the Administration.

READ a letter from Mr. T——e L——ll, and a similar one from his brother the Lieutenant, proposing, that the Admirals Montagu and Campbell, and all the particular Captains, friends of Keppel, attended by their respective masters, boatswains, mates, cooks, carpenters, and gunners, should be summoned to the bars of both Houses of Parliament, in order to prove, that K——l would have been victorious, if P——r had been able to obey his signals, and Mons. D'Orvilliers had waited another day or two for him.——Mr. T——e L——ll desires to undertake the Admirals and the Captains, and the Lieutenant will answer for the rest of the crews.

THE DUKE OF R———D approves of the proposition, but desires that the attendance of the above-mentioned persons should be first given at the H——e of L——s, as in that case it will afford some relief to the veterans of Greenwich Hospital, and he will take care to furnish

furnish Lord E——m with the necessary questions in the course of the examination.

WRITE circular letters, by express, to all our friends, requesting their attendance at the House of Commons, March 3d.

Let ——— be requested to, stay away, and desire S— W—— H——, to take care of D'——y and St——y.

Adjourned.

I have heard so much of victory and defeat, of signals and orders, and inability to obey them, on the 27th of July last, that I shall make no comment upon the business of that day, but refer my Readers to the voluminous and entertaining trials of Keppel and Palliser, and Mons. D'Orvilliers' account of the battle, lately published; though it is probable, that, like myself, they will still be at a loss to form any decisive opinion upon the matter. One thing, however, is agreed by all parties, viz. that we fought the French in the day, that we steered *from* them afterwards, and that we expected they would *wait* for us the next morning.

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I am tired of the complaints which our Admirals and Generals make about confidence; for, in the first instance, there cannot be stronger marks of it, than in bestowing commands upon them; and, in the second, if they fight and do their duty, there is no occasion to assure them they shall be supported. If they do not mean to fight, nor to shew a zeal in their country's service, it is then time enough to relinquish responsibility, from the apprehension of inquiry and censure.

PRESENT, *March 4, 1779.*

Special Committee of Select Meeting.	{	Duke of R——d,
		Lord R——m,
		Lord S——ne,
		Col. B——é,
		Mr. F-x,
		Mr. D——g,
		Mr. J. L-e,
		Mr. T. T——d.
		Mr. B——ke, } Stools.
		Mr. B——g, }

Dr. B——by at the door.

Resolved unanimously,

THAT, from the very large Minority of 170, and the very small Majority of 204, last night, it is absolutely expedient that a sketch of a new Administration should be immediately formed, in order to be ready to enter into the several departments of it without delay.

Let letters be written to all our friends, desiring to know the state of their expectations.

Let every attention be shewn to L——n, and let his Lordship be assured, that the
idea

idea of a Drawcanfir was ill founded, and is totally obliterated.

Write a civil letter to P——ke, lamenting that he does not succeed to Mostyn's dragoons.

——Send to B——ol, and offer him a seat among the Select.

——It is recommended, that the most cordial exertion and activity should be shewn upon the present very pressing and promising occasion.

READ a Letter from F——ue (in answer to our circular) desiring the harriers.

Agreed to, and send D-nb-gh to Constantinople.

READ a letter from Ab——on, requesting a lucrative Office with the Garter.

Let the Garter be given to him.

READ a letter from B——n, with an account of his conduct from the Stern-post to the present time, and desiring to be either Admiral of the Fleet, or First Lord of the Admiralty.

Assure his Grace that he is equally well qualified for either, but that as

B——ol

B——ol and K——l have both been long promised the latter employment, it is hoped his Grace will make his choice of the *Channel*.

READ a letter from B——u, desiring the Thistle.

Let a Thistle be promised to him.

READ a letter from R——th, desiring the Embassy to Holland.

Let him go to Holland.

READ a Letter from E——m, recapitulating his Services in resigning his Commission in time of War, &c. and desiring to be Governor to the Prince of Wales.

Write to his Lordship, observing upon the propriety of the measure ; but lest it should be objected to, the Command of the Justitia, and the Keepership of the Lions will be reserved for him.

READ a letter from C———ley, desiring to be Secretary of State or Postmaster-General.

Let his Lordship have the Post.

Adjourned the Consideration of several other Letters till To-morrow.

I am almost ashamed to confess that, upon such a vast increase of the Minority, and the positive assurances I repeatedly heard that a total change of Administration must take place immediately, I was sanguine and weak enough to enter into an agreement for the sale of my house, the disposal of my furniture, and a small sum of money for the good-will of my customers. I wrote circular letters to all my fruiterers and confectioners in France, Spain, and Portugal, and I sent positive orders to those in and about London not to consign to me any more of their produce for the future, but to send their accounts as fast as possible, directed to me at the Treasury.

Alas ! I should never have overwhelmed myself with all these troubles and difficulties, if I could have conceived for a moment that Mrs. Grieve had supplanted Betty O'Neil.

When I reflect upon the value which Ribbons bore in the last Reign, I cannot help feeling some concern at the mode in which they are disposed of in the present.

Would that Betty O'Neil were the Lady Yarmouth of the day ! &c. &c. &c.

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I always told E——m that he was capable of dangerous undertakings both by Sea and Land.

Poor D-nb-gh ! It would be as well to hunt him to death as kill him with the plague at Constantinople, for he would not be able to keep his nose out of it for half an hour there.

PRESENT, *March 5, 1779.*

Committee of Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Lord S——ne.
		Lord R——m.
		Mr. T. T——d.
		Mr. F-x.
		Mr. D——g.
		Col. B——e.
		Mr. J. L-e.
		Mr. B——ke,
		Mr. B——g,
		} Stools,

READ a letter, dated yesterday, from Sir P. J. C——e and Mr. A——r, stating the merits of the Contractors Bill, and of the tendency it has to overturn the present Administration.

Sir Philip suggests an Irish Peerage and the Commissary-General of Musters,

Let Sir Philip be informed he may have the Dignity, but that as the present Commissary-general has not voted against the Opposition upon Questions in which the Ministry have been pushed, it is proposed to make Sir Philip (who is a sportsman) Master of the Buck Hounds.

Mr. A——R requests a Chief-Justiceship.

Agreed—To take place after the successions of Mr. D——g, Mr. J. L-e, and Mr.

Mr. P——m; and in the mean time let Serjeant G——n have a pension, and make A——r Recorder.

READ a letter, dated to-day (in answer to our circular), from Mr. T. L——ll, stating his long support and consequent pretensions; and his determination to prosecute his Naval Enquiries.—That though the Accusations he has brought of Embezzlement of the Money voted for Naval Services are not, from the nature of them, able to be proved; yet it is a notorious Fact that there is a joint account of Profits and Losses between the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Treasurer of the Navy. Mr. L——ll likewise states, That, if constant and long Declamations in the House, and out of the House, and if a total Disrespect and Inattention, which have hitherto been shewn to them, with the additional Merit of Perseverance, can plead in his favour, he trusts Mr. Ellis's Place will be set apart for him.

Let Mr. T. L——ll be acquainted, that the Office he solicits has been long engaged; but that as it is probable he will soon quit Parliament, a Commissioner of the Navy shall be at his service, with the Government of Calshot Castle.

READ

READ a letter from Sir W. M——th, professing his desire of Office, but declining a Staff employment.

Acquaint Sir William that there are so very few Places fit for Privy Counsellors, that it will require some time to arrange any one to his satisfaction, unless he can forego the objections he had to a White Wand.

READ a letter from Dr. W-lf-n at Bath, requesting to be Preceptor to the Princes.

READ a letter from Dr. Pr--stl-y, Ditto—Ditto.

READ a letter from Dr. Pr-ce, Ditto—Ditto.

Inform the Doctors they shall be recommended accordingly; but, that as they cannot all be Preceptors at the same time, let it be suggested to Pr--stl-y, that a Patent for Electrical Instruments may be worth his attention, and that Pr-ce shall be Confessor to the Household, if he chuses it.

READ a letter from Mrs. Gr-h-m (late Mrs. Ma--ul-y), desiring to be Governess of the Royal Nursery, and Professor of History at one of the Universities.

Acquaint

Acquaint her, that the first shall be done, and the latter *thought of* upon a vacancy.

Adjourn the Consideration of the Remainder of the Letters till this Afternoon.

Upon the cavalier treatment which my friend little Temple met with, I advised him to secede from Parliament, and retire to his castle in the country ; but a love of Eloquence, and Politics prevailed, and my advice was disregarded.—As to Sir William M——th, he has been always attached to *me*, and there cannot be a stronger proof of Constancy.

P R E S E N T, *March 5, 1779. P. M.*

Committee. { Mr. F-x.
Select { Mr. J. L—e.
Meeting. { Col. B—é.
 { Mr. T. T——d.

Mr. B—ke, }
Mr. B—g, } Stools.

READ letters from several members of the
House of Commons, *viz.*

From Gen. A'C——t, desiring the com-
mand of the army in North America.

—— Mr. B-k-r, —— a large share of all
the Contracts.

—— Mr. Ald. Bull, requesting the Parks.

—— Lord G. C——sh, desiring the com-
mand at Quebec.

—— Mr. John C—per, to be Master of the
Robes.

—— Sir Alexander L——h, requesting
ditto.

—— Sir Robert Cl——ton, desiring to be
Speaker.

—— Mr. Sc-w-n, entreating to be Master
of the Removing Wardrobe.

—— Lord Ve——y, —— to be Master of
the Standing Wardrobe.

—— Mr. Pl-m-r, —— to be Secretary to
the Latin language, or Historiographer.

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From

From Mr. M—ger, desiring to be Vice-chamberlain to the Queen.

— Sir George Y—nge, to be Chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

— Mr. David H—rtl-y, requesting to be Chief Fire-master at Woolwich.

— Mr. S—lt, — to have a contract for beef—four-crou— and pepper.

— Mr. S—wbr-dge, — to be Lieutenant of the Tower, or the Government of Chelsea College.

— Mr. Fitzp—k, — to be Table-decker to the Maids of Honour and the Bed-chamber Women.

— Sir J—ph M—bey, desiring to be Poet Laureat.

— Mr. Charles T—rn-r, — to have a White-wand or a Red-ribbon.

— Sir W. W. W—n, — to be Master of her Majesty's Band, and to have the diploma of a Doctor of Music.

— Mr. H—ff-y, — to be Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, or he is ready to undertake the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

— Lord G— — desiring to be Secretary to the Lunatics, or Gentlemen of the Silver Scullery.

— Mr. Thomas W—le, — to be Decypherer of Letters.

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From

From Lord N——n, — the Remittance Contract to North America.

—— Sir E. D——g (from an idea that a Baronet is as good a man as a Knight of the Bath) desires the Embassy to Holland.

—— Lieutenant J. L——ll, — the Newfoundland Station.

—— Mr. P——ll, — to be Purveyor of Mustard and Vinegar.

—— Mr. P——s, — a Bath or a Baronetage.

—— Mr. Roe, desiring to be President of the British Herring Fishery.

R E A D a letter from Dr. Br-ckl-sby, declining to be Physician to the Household, but requesting to be *Clerk of the Deliveries*, and Writer of the Gazette.

Write to the Doctor, requesting he would chuse the latter office, as Mr. S——y, the Delivery Clerk, has not of late opposed Opposition.—If the Doctor should prefer a White Wand, one will be reserved for him.

WRITE to the several Lords and Gentlemen before mentioned, assuring them that the strictest attention will be paid to their respective solicitations.

Adjourned 'till to-morrow.

When I observe how applicable the offices are to the abilities of those who apply for them, I am told that the people *who are actually* in power, are as much formented with as singular applications: but if those are to be Poets who cannot write, Historians who cannot read, Masters of Wardrobes who have not any themselves, and Ambassadors who cannot speak their native language, &c. &c. &c. party is then the master of ceremonies to dignity and honor, and the extinguisher of character and common sense.

— I will certainly eat a melon with Sir Edward D-r-ng in Holland.

PRESENT, *March 6, 1779.*

Select Meeting enlarged.	{	Lord S——ne.	{	
		Lord R——m.		
		D. of R——d.		
		Mr. C. F——x.		
		Mr. T. T——d.		
		Col. B——é.		
		Mr. D——g.		
		Mr. J. L——e.		
		Mr. B——ke	{	Stools.
	Mr. B——g			

LORD S——NE introduces a Letter from Dr. Pr——stl-y, in respect to the Application for the Relief of the Dissenters.

Mr. F——X observing, that it is not absolutely necessary to enter into matters of Religious Controversy, when they do not turn immediately to political Purposes ;

Postponed.

The Committee taking into consideration the several claims of their respective Friends, and being perfectly desirous of accommodating them all as fast as possible ; with some degree of attention to men of merit, rank, and character, who now hold

hold employments in his Majesty's government, or who still continue desirous of supporting it, are pleased to direct, that a negotiation be opened with Sir Ralph P-y-e, delicately suggesting to him the necessity of arrangements upon a change of Administration, and that it would, therefore, be very accordant and acceptable, if he would anticipate the intentions of his Majesty's Ministers, by requesting to resign his place of Clerk of the Board of Green-Cloth, upon being appointed Embellisher of Letters to the Eastern Princes.

Resolved,

THAT an offer be made to Mr. Anne P—l-tt, of the appointment of Minister to the Swiss Cantons.

THAT Mr. B. G——e be peremptorily desired to resign his Seat at the Board of Trade, upon succeeding Mr. Tegetmeyer as first Master Cook, or Clerk of the Kitchen, and to hold, at the same time, the Office of Clerk of the Venison Warrants.

THAT it be recommended to Mr. H. M—i-e, to accept of the Place of Groom
of

of the Stole, upon his relinquishing the
Stannaries.

Mr. F-x proposes Mr. S—r-r to be Master
of the Ceremonies, in the room of Sir
Charles Cotterel Dormer Knight, who
may have a pension.

Mr. H-re to be Apothecary to the House-
hold, in the room of Herman Auguste
Brande, and to be allowed a Deputy to
make up medicines; and Mrs. Grieve to
be Housekeeper at the Treasury.

Agreed to.

Mr. B——ke proposes his Cousin William
B——ke to be Ambassador to the Great
Mogul, notwithstanding the Mahrattoes
are in possession of him.

Agreed to, and write to Poonah ac-
cordingly.

Mr. B-ng requests the place of Laundress
of the Body Linen for a Friend.

Agreed to.

WRITE to the Duke of An—er, offer-
ing him the place of Master of the
Revels.

LET Lists be prepared of the King's
Purveyors and Brushers,
Gentlemen of the Pantry and Necessary,
The Wine Cellar and Ewry,
Cooks and Pan Keepers,

Super-

Supervisors and Sempstresses,
Ushers and Clerks Martial,
Consuls of Elsinour and Cagliari,
Salonica and Zante,
Algiers and Tripoli,
Aleppo and Patras,

And of other Officers of a similar nature,
in order that they be set apart for the
accommodation of our friends.

LET Captain B—llie be assured of the Gov-
ernment of Greenwich Hospital.

WRITE to L——n, to acquaint him, that
he cannot be Secretary of State; but that
he may have the Beef Eaters or the Pen-
sioners, in case Edg——be will *take* the
Mediterranean.

WRITE to Cl——on to assure him he shall
remain, and thank him for the late edi-
tion of *Hyde's Works*.

Adjourned.

Here I cannot refrain from remarking
upon the injustice shewn to me—When
Mr. F-x proposed Mrs. Grieve for the
Treasury, I might have been thought of
for the Body Linen. But I am determined
to be revenged, and will therefore no lon-
ger expatiate upon disappointments; be-

cause they can contribute very little to my readers amusement or information.

I was not in the least surpris'd at the requests of most of the persons before enumerated, though I disliked that part of the minutes which opens a window to coalition ; but why the Opposition should think of sending Nan P—lett to the Swiss Cantons, I am at a loss to conceive ; as I presume his excellency Mr. Wm. Norton is a man, it seems something extraordinary to send a woman there to do his business.

When Bamber gets the command of the Kitchen, I trust we shall see former days return again.

PRESENT, *March 7th, 1779.*

	{	D. of R——d.	
	{	Lord S——ne.	
Select	{	Lord R——m.	
Meeting	{	Mr. T. T——d.	
enlarged.	{	Mr. F-x.	
	{	Mr. D——g.	
	{	Mr. J. L-e.	
		Mr. B——ke	} Stools.
		Mr. B——g	

The Duke of R——d suggests the necessity of an immediate plan of a new Administration; and, at the same time, observes, that though Lord R——ham marked his disinterestedness, when he was First Lord of the Treasury, by declining to receive the emoluments of his office; and that the Duke would very readily be the first man to support so laudable a principle, it would be dangerous to adopt and recommend the precedent, after so long a period of opposition.

Lord R——ham in reply begs leave to adhere to his former principle, and, rather than set what his Grace of R-ch-mnd conceives to be an example which might be attended with inconveniences,

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desires

desires to decline every kind of office whatever.

Resolved,

THAT the thanks and the approbation of the Select be forthwith conveyed to Lord R———m for his very noble and accommodating conduct upon this occasion.

The Duke of R———d trusts that no Lord or Gentleman is so particularly attached to former opinions upon great political questions, or to a preference of one office to another, as to make either an essential reason for breaking up a general system, which seems now to be established, and advancing speedily to form, upon a great line of conduct and connection, a New Government for Great Britain.

Lord S———ne confesses that, as one looking forward, and in expectation of a long continuance in office, it will be difficult for him to justify, or to answer for his conduct to the present Prince of Wales, when upon the Throne of England, if he were now to consent to the Independency of America; and especially after the very strong declarations he has made upon that important question.

Mr. D——g desires that no impediment to a general good understanding may arise upon the subject of American Independence; as he thinks, with the assistance of his friend Mr. L-e, that he shall be able to draw out a plan which will give to the Americans complete Independence, in every Sense of the *Word*, without making use of it.

Let a business of so much nicety engross the whole of Mr. D——g and Mr. L-e's attention.

Mr. T. T——d and Mr. B——ke beg to observe, that though they formerly had reasons to think that a substantial Administration could only be composed by a compact body of men, confident in, and attached to each other from long acquaintance, habits of friendship and affection; yet, as Mr. F-x has started and maintained, that practicability is one of the first of political virtues, and as Lord S——ne and his friends seem, in some measure, to adopt that idea, it would be resisting the welfare of the country for any set of men not to avail themselves of the additional assistance which great talents are always capable of rendering it.

After much conversation between Mr. T. T——d and Mr. F—x, respecting the probable value of the Pay-Office, and the very essential service that the retention of Mr. Rigby might be of to a new Administration, if it were possible to find out any other employment that would be agreeable to him, Mr. T. T——d states his pretensions to be Paymaster General.—That nothing but the *warm* affection which he bore to the late Mr. Cooke, could have made him consent to be put to bed with him; and that having, upon the death of his bed-fellow, relinquished the half because he could not obtain the whole; Mr. T——d trusts, that these circumstances, long services, and proportionate expectations, entitle him to the complete ease and profits of the employment.

Mr. F—X, at the same time that he professes he cannot admit Mr. T——d's claims and services, to the extent in which he seems to consider them; does not mean to take any material merit to himself, from the credit which some people have given him, of being the most formidable Adversary of Government; and desires, therefore, to relinquish all pretensions to the Pay Office; though he must beg to observe,
that

that he would no more have solicited the place of Teller if his Father were now Paymaster, than Mr. T——d ought to desire to be Paymaster when his Father is a Teller.

COL. B.—E requests to put an end to arguments which cannot end in *political satisfaction*, and presses that some plan of Ministry may be sketched out, at least for consideration.

A Plan of an Administration is then produced.

First Lord of the Treasury.—Lord S——ne.

Mr. F——x.—Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Lord J. C——th.

Mr. James G——le. } Lords of the Treasury.
Sir C. B——ry. }

Mr. B——ke.

First Lord of the Admiralty.—K——l
or B——ol.

Duke of R——d.—Secretary of State Southern Department.

Duke of G——n.—To be offered Northern Department.

First Lord of Trade.—Lord R——r.

Chancellor.—Mr. D——g.

Lord

Lord President——To be offered to
Lord C——n.
Lord Privy Seal——To be offered to the
Duke of M——er.
Lord Chamberlain——Duke of P——d.
Master of the Horse——Duke of
D——re.
Lord Steward——To be offered to Lord
B——gh.
Chamberlain to the Queen——Lord
F——m.
Master of the Horse to the Queen——
Lord J——y.
Master of the Ordnance——General
C——y.
Commander in Chief——General K——l.
Paymaster General——Mr. T. T——d.
Secretary at War——Colonel B——é.
Vice-Treasurers of { Sir G. S——le.
Ireland. { Mr. C——ly.
 { Mr. F——d.
Treasurer of the Navy——To be offered
to Lord H——e.
Commander in Chief in Ireland——To
be offered to Sir William H——e.
Lord Ta——le,——Master of the
Tennis Court.
Mr. B——g,——To have a Reversion of a
Teller's Place.
Attorney General——Mr. J, L——e.
Solicitor General——Mr. P——m.

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The seats at the Boards, and other subordinate Offices to remain for distribution as applications are made for them.

The plan in general approved, but however, to be subject to alteration with the General Consent of the Select.

Let the Lords and Gentlemen, who are concerned in the foregoing Plan, have the proper and regular suggestions made to them—with every respect to their disinterestedness and attachment to their Country.

Ordered,

THAT all our Friends be particularly requested to attend the Third reading of the Contractors Bill, which is as essentially necessary to carry at this time, as it will be to repeal, when we begin to feel the bad effects of it. And let our Friends be earnestly desired, to give a close Attention to the Motions which they have already had notice will be immediately made, respecting Ships, Court-Martials, and the Conduct of the Admiralty.

LET support be immediately given to the H—es, in order to detach them entirely from the Ministry, and to prove, by the Evidence which *they* will call in Defence

fence of *their* Management of the War in America, the impossibility of conquering it.

Adjourned.

I cannot expect any harmony in a concert, when the principal Instruments have always been out of tune. It is impossible to suppose, that even Interest can for any length of time sacrifice to Discord; and therefore, the experience I have had of the principal Performers who are now to lead the political Band, affords but little hopes that they can long remain united together.

If the Duke of G——n, who before left Lord R——m and the Duke of R——d; If Lord C——n, who renounced the Duke of G——n; If Lord S——ne, who quitted his connection with Lord R——m:—If they can reconcile all their principles, and forget the conduct each exhibited towards the other, I am happy, that my Country is arrived at a period, when conciliation of opposite characters and doctrines prognosticates our approach to the Golden Age.

PRESENT, *March 8, 1779.*

Committee of Select Meeting.	{	D. of R———d.
		Mr. F-x.
		Col. B—é.
		Mr. T. T———d.
		Mr. D——g.
		Mr. J. L-e.
	{	Gen. C——y.

READ a letter from Sir Joseph M——y, complaining that he was not supported in his motion to incapacitate Lord George Germaine from sitting in parliament.

Write to Sir Joseph, assuring him that he shall be supported for the future; and apprise him that his Majesty's birth-day approaches, in order that the proper Ode may be prepared.

GENERAL C——Y desires to observe, that after having maturely weighed the consistency and the propriety of the plan of a new Administration, it is his opinion, that there is a necessity of reconciling some of those Lords and Gentlemen, who now possess great and lucrative Offices, to the principles of the system which the Select have in general adopted: *That as he has been open to all parties, and influenced by none,* he hopes

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he shall not be thought inconsistent, if he endeavours to promote a general reconciliation, and bring about, if possible, a plan of coalition.

— Mr. F—X agrees with the General in the policy of his principles upon this occasion; but concludes, that every body, excepting the General, will be of opinion with him, as to the impossibility of carrying them into execution.

Adjourned.

I had some doubts as to the poetical genius of Sir Joseph M—y, and of his ability to fill the office now enjoyed by my friend Whitehead, with any degree of credit to himself or to the mules, until I heard that Sir Joseph, long since, had invoked them all in the Vale of Tunbridge, and that they had obeyed his invocation.

Happy Sir Joseph! to be equally distinguished, whether it is by thy Poetry or Pleasantry, Mechanism of Mills, Architecture or Eloquence!

